

Saint Matthew Conduct Code

Our goal is to have all young people experience an enjoyable learning time during our sessions.

In an effort to attain this goal, an environment of safety and comfort needs to exist. We believe this is a part of the learning process. We want our young people and their parents to read the following and for the parents to make sure their young people understand what is expected of them.

1. All young people will respect their peers, the staff, and themselves.
2. All young people will respect the church property and other people's property.
3. All young people will follow the safety rules established by their teachers.
4. Profanity, fighting, hitting, threatening, or disruptive behavior of any kind will not be tolerated in the classroom, the church, the play area, or the snack area.
5. Smoking and/or the use or possession of drugs or alcohol is not permitted.
6. All young people are expected to be willing participants while engaged in our parish program.
7. Appropriate attire is requested.

If a young person violates one of these rules and denies other the full experience of the parish program, the following steps will be taken:

1. The young person will be given a "time out" whether in the classroom area or an area designated by the director.
2. If there is a second incident, the young person will be given a warning by the Director of Religious Education and the parent/guardian will be notified.
3. If the behavior or attitude has not improved within the time agreed upon the parent/guardian will be asked to take the young person home.

Teachers and aides will adhere to the following:

1. Corporal punishment is prohibited.
2. There will be no severe punishment, humiliation or verbal abuse.
3. No one will be denied food (snack) as a form of punishment.
4. No one will be denied access to the bathroom.
5. No teacher or aide is ever alone with a child.

By enrolling in the Religious Education Program at St. Matthew Parish, the parent and child understand the above Conduct Code. Please be in touch with the Director of Religious Education with any questions or concerns.